

25238B

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-21 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-21 stand rejected. By this amendments claims 1, 11, 18 and 20 have been amended (see description of amendments below). Claim 8 has been amended to correct a typographical error. The term "olyethylene" has been deleted and replaced with the term, "polyethylene". No new matter has been added and support for this amendment can be found at page 3, paragraph 7 of the specification.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Rejection of Claims 1-21 under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1-9, 11, and 13-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirchmeyer et al., (US 5,811,480).

The Office states, in the "Response to Arguments" section of the Office Action dated 9/12/05 that Applicants claims require a 0-3% by weight of a water dispersible polyether based polyurethane. The Office states that Applicants claims embrace 0% by weight of polyether based polyurethane, or more specifically, the absence of this component.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, 18 and 20 to clarify that the amount of polyether based polyurethane solution is present in an amount of "greater than about 0 – 3 percent by weight". Claims 2-10, 12-17 and 21 ultimately depend from one of the newly amended claims and are deemed to be allowable. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims clearly define over Kirchmeyer et al. and that the rejection of claims 1-9, 11 and 13-20 be withdrawn.

25238B

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-21 at an early date is solicited.


The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned agent at (740) 321-7213 if any unresolved matters remain.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above Remarks, or if the Examiner has any comments or suggestions to place the claims in better condition for allowance, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' agent at the number listed below.

Applicant authorizes any fees required pertaining to this response be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0568.

Respectfully submitted,

By:


Maria C. Gasaway
Reg. No. 51,721

Date: November 14, 2005

Owens Corning
2790 Columbus Road, Bldg. 11
Granville, OH 43023
(740) 321-7213